

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED REGULAR TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Temp Brian Barthelemy who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Leonard Ray followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – Kelly Besson Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

ABSENT: Council Members – Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of April 12, 2023 regular town meeting as written.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. to continue proposed ordinance amending the Town of Grand Isle code of Ordinance relating to Article II. Trees Division 2. Protection of Native and Existing Oaks. .

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Town of Grand Isle Code of Ordinance relating to –
Article II. TREES DIVISION 2. PROTECTION OF NATIVE AND EXISTING OAKS.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026

An ordinance approving a re-division of property owned by The Congregation of Our Lady of the Isle Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady of the Isle Church), a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, domiciled in the Parish of Jefferson, from four lots of ground into one lot of ground. Said property is located along the westernmost right-of-way on Ludwig Lane and along the northernmost right-of-way of Judge Adam Lane and identified as Lot 2-B, Lot 3, Lot 12, and Lot 13 of Judge Adam Subdivision, Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with a plat by Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc., entitled "MAP SHOWING LOT LINE SHIFT BETWEEN LOT 2-B, LOT 3, LOT 12 & LOT 13, OF JUDGE ADAM SUBDIVISION INTO LOT 2-C, LOCATED IN SECTION 28, T22S-R24E, TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA", dated September 6, 2022.

WHEREAS, the owner desires to re-divide said Lot 2-B, Lot 3, Lot 12, and Lot 13 of Judge Adam Subdivision to consolidate the said four lots into one lot, namely Lot 2-C;

WHEREAS, the approval of the consolidation of Lot 2-B, Lot 3, Lot 12, and Lot 13 of Judge Adam Subdivision into one Lot 2-C will be advantageous to the corporation and provide necessary business relations for Our Lady of the Isle Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:

SECTION I: The plan of resubdivision of the above described property located on Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and owned by The Congregation of Our Lady of the Isle Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady of the Isle Church), is hereby approved and resubdivided from Lot 2-B, Lot 3, Lot 12, and Lot 13 of Judge Adam Subdivision, Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, into one lot of Judge Adam Subdivision, namely Lot 2-C, all in accordance with the plan prepared by Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyors, Inc., entitled, "MAP SHOWING LOT LINE SHIFT BETWEEN LOT 2-B, LOT 3, LOT 12 & LOT 13, OF JUDGE ADAM SUBDIVISION INTO LOT 2-C, LOCATED IN

SECTION 28, T22S-R24E, TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA”, dated September 6, 2022;

This ordinance was considered section by section and as a whole and was offered by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Kelly Besson Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet

This ordinance was declared adopted this 26th day of April 2023 and becomes effective on said date.

Assistant Chief Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for April 7 – April 20, 2023: Total callouts 76, medicals 11, total arrest 3, total citations 11, total violations 17, golf cart summons 0, court fines paid -\$10,234.23 tags sold \$11,850.00.

James “Jimbo” Adams with GIFD was recognized and reports on the following: Fire Department membership is \$20.00 per year. Please join the GIFD.

David Michel with Permit/Building Department was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) The permit/building department has been extremely busy.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Garden Club assisted with the clean -up “Clean up the Boot” that was headed by Representative Joseph Orgeron. Volunteers started at the GI Sign and worked to the GI Bridge. 2.) Questioned about the concrete removal on side of highway. Response is waiting on FEMA . 3.) Restore Grand Isle has moved on its own and branched off of GI Garden Club.

The following proposed ordinance is introduced with the hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of May 10, 2023 & May 24, 2023, at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance approving the redivision of property for Al Cassagne and Annett Plaisance Tyler into Lot 5-A and Lot 2-A, originally being Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, and Lot 5 of Cassagne Park Subdivision, on Hebert Lane.

The following proposed ordinance is introduced with the hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of May 10, 2023 & May 24, 2023, at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance approving a re-division of property owned by Wayne J. Cheramie, identified as Tract “A”, as shown on a map prepared by Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc.

The following proposed ordinance is introduced with the hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of May 10, 2023 & May 24, 2023, at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance approving a re-division of properties owned by Chris Fernandez from the existing West Half of Lot 8, Lot 9, Lot 10, and the East Half of Lot 11, Square D to Saxton Subdivision into one individual Lot 11-A

The following proposed ordinance is introduced with the hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of May 10, 2023 & May 24, 2023, at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance requested by owners, Bruce M. Guillory and Kevin J. Jeansonne, to approve the redivision of property identified as Lot Bloom 3, located between Gulf View Subdivision, Paradise Caminada Subdivision, and Gulf Stream Park Subdivision, along LA State Hwy. 1, Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, into two separate lots of ground.

Resolution 2842

A resolution authorizing the Town of Grand Isle to join the Louisiana Attorney General in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) “is updating the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology,” titled “Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action”;

WHEREAS, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0’s “methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property’s flood risk”;

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and the federal legislature, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and their Councils, and many other entities in Louisiana and around the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of Risk Rating 2.0’s underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana’s Levee Boards have made to the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana’s flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana’s homeowners to purchase flood insurance;

WHEREAS, many of those entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA’s underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA’s underlying methodology;

WHEREAS, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interests of many Louisiana industries, and the interests of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be “Equity in Action” an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Grand Isle joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

This resolution was offered by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr.

Vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Kelly Besson Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet

This resolution was declared adopted this 26th day of April, 2023.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to proclaim Friday, June 16, 2023 as a legal state holiday, Juneteenth Day.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to issue Hurricane Hole LLC “The Green Parrot” beer & liquor license.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to have “Christmas in July Golf Cart Parade” July 1, 2023 on the Grand Isle beach.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to transfer \$1,700.00 from 5321-13 schools to 5312-13 repair vehicles, transfer \$810.50 from 5323-13 ammo to 5312-13 repair vehicles, transfer \$135.00 from 5306-13 travel to 5319-13 physicals.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to transfer \$5,000.00 from 5424-16 disposal charges to 5309-16 repairs/maint bldgs.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to transfer \$2,000.00 from 5215-10 LMA expenses to 5303-10 postage.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Island Strong Music Festival – July 13-15, 2023. 2.) Naming the baseball/softball field. Asking the council to submit a name that they would like. I'm submitting "Island Strong Sports Complex". 3.) Cheniere/Caminada rock project almost completed.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: 1.) When is the grass on the side/back streets going to be cut.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Brian Barthelemy, Mayor Pro-Temp
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Mayor's Assistant
Town of Grand Isle